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LEBANON: Situation Report

25X1 [] *The five-day-old stalemate in southern Lebanon between Lebanese Army troops and Christian militiamen continued yesterday. There was also sporadic artillery fire in Beirut.*

25X1 [] The basic stumbling block at this point to reaching an agreement to allow the Lebanese troops to move into the UN zone is the future of Major Haddad, the leader of the militia-men. The militias and the Israelis want Haddad reinstated in the Lebanese Army while Beirut wants him removed from the Army and from the south. The Lebanese Government now seems willing to give the UN and the US more time to work out an acceptable compromise. Haddad yesterday announced a 24-hour halt to his force's sporadic artillery shelling of the area occupied by Army troops.

25X1 [] According to preliminary reports, Lebanese President Sarkis and Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam did not conclude any major agreements during their discussions on Thursday.

25X1 [] On Thursday night, the Syrians briefly shelled Christian sectors of Beirut in response to Christian sniper attacks. There was more shelling yesterday, and a few rounds, apparently fired by the Christians, landed in Muslim sectors of the city.

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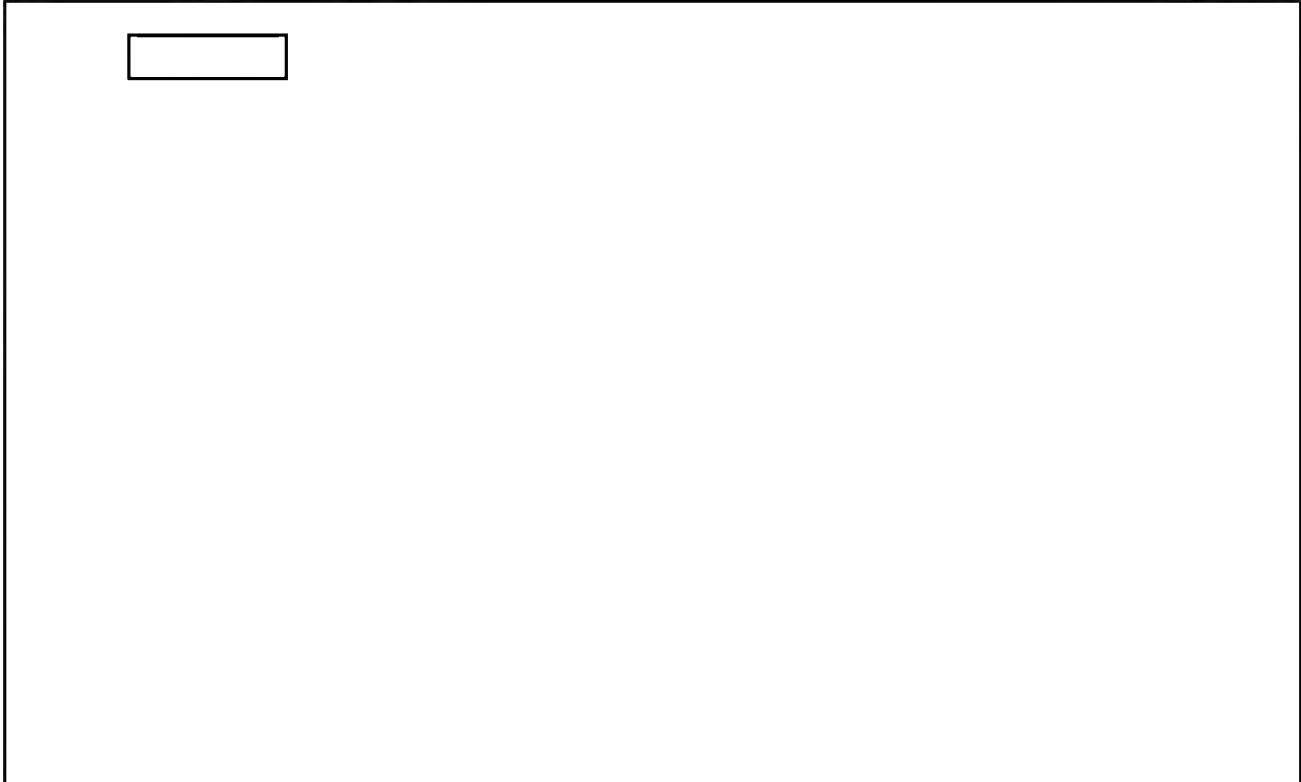
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[REDACTED] The USSR has apparently named Colonel General V. M. Shabanov as a deputy in the Ministry of Defense. Shabanov was identified as a deputy minister when he attended the Moscow Navy Day celebrations on 28 July. His new responsibilities are not known. Shabanov was previously a deputy minister of the Radio Industry.

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[REDACTED] There currently are 10 deputy ministers and three first deputies in the Defense Ministry; Shabanov would be the 11th deputy minister. [REDACTED]

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